



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : **PATENT APPLICATION**

R. Chidambaran, et al. : **METHOD FOR PREPARING**  
: **AN ION EXCHANGE MEDIA**

Serial No.: 10/687,159 : **Group Art Unit: 1713**

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**SUBMISSION FOR REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This paper is filed as a submission accompanying the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently in this application. A final rejection was mailed in this case on March 9, 2006 and it is believed that an extension of time of one month is necessary to make this submission timely. In the event that further extension is necessary to make this response timely, kindly grant such an extension and deduct the fee for same from Deposit Account No. 02-4800 in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC.

The objections and rejections in the March 9, 2006 Office Action have been fully addressed herein and it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Entry of the new and amended claims included herein and reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the claims** begin in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.